IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Mike Fullman et al.

Serial No.   10/663,461   Examiner: Ricardo Osorio

Confirmation No.   2199

Filed: September 15, 2003   Group Art Unit: 2629

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FAILSAFE DISPLAY OF FULL
                    SCREEN HIGH FREQUENCY IMAGES ON A FLAT PANEL
                    WITHOUT A FRAME BUFFER

Date: September 7, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the office action, paper no. 20060625, dated June 30, 2006, please amend the application as follows.

Claims amendments begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.

CLAIMS

Please amend the application as follows.

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently amended)   The display controller of claim ~~1~~ 9 where the timing controller is capable of providing interlaced image data to the panel responsive to the start and clock pulses.

3. (Currently amended)   The display controller of claim ~~1~~ 9 where the timing controller is capable of receiving synchronization signals from the display port.

4. (Currently amended)   The display controller of claim ~~1~~ 9 where the clock pulse is pulsed at least twice for every vertical synchronization signal.

5. (Currently amended)   The display controller of claim ~~1~~ 9 where the start pulse is capable of sequentially activating panel rows responsive to the clock pulse.

6. (Original)   The display controller of claim 5 where the start pulse is capable of sequentially activating every other panel row responsive to the clock pulse.

7. (Currently amended)   The display controller of claim ~~1~~ 9 where the predetermined characteristics include a vertical image frequency.

8. (Currently amended)   The display controller of claim ~~1~~ 9 where the clock pulse increments a line counter such that the timing controller skips every other image line.

9. (Currently amended)   A ~~The~~ display controller ~~of claim 1~~ for controlling a panel, comprising:

a display port capable of generating image data for display on the panel; and

a timing controller capable of generating start and clock pulses for driving the panel responsive to predetermined characteristics of the image data;

where timing controller comprises:

an output circuit capable of generating a function responsive to a top, bottom, left, and right position and a display clock;

a pulse width modulation circuit capable of generating a modulated pulse responsive to the display clock; and

a multiplexer circuit capable of selecting one of a plurality of inputs including the function responsive to the display clock.

10. (Original) The display controller of claim 9 where the output circuit comprises:
a plurality of set/reset flip flops capable of operating responsive to the display clock; and
a plurality of d-flip flops capable of operating responsive to flip flop outputs; and
a plurality of logic gates capable of logically manipulating the flip flop outputs.

11. (Original) The display controller of claim 9 where the output circuit is programmable.

12. (Original) The display controller of claim 9 where pulse width modulation circuit comprises a programmable counter capable of operating responsive to the display clock.

13. (Original) The display controller of claim 9 where the multiplexer circuit is capable of selecting between outputs generated by the output circuit.

14. (Currently amended)   The display controller of claim ~~1~~ 9 where the display port and the timing controller are integrated in a single semiconductor device.

15. (Currently amended)   A controller for driving a flat panel, comprising:
means for generating display data capable of being displayed on the panel; and
means for timing the panel capable of generating ~~control signals~~ start and clock pulses responsive to predetermined characteristics of the display data
where the means for timing the panel includes;

output means for generating a function responsive to a top, bottom, left, and right position and a display clock;

pulse width modulation means for generating a modulated pulse responsive to the display clock; and

multiplexer means for selecting one of a plurality of inputs including the function responsive to the display clock.

16. (Original) The controller of claim 15 comprising means for generating a display clock associated with the display data.

17. (Original) The controller of claim 15 comprising means for generating vertical and horizontal synchronization signals associated with the display data.

18. (Original) The controller of claim 15 where the means for generating display data is capable of generating deinterlaced display data.

19. (Original) The controller of claim 15 where the control signals includes vertical start and clock pulses for driving panel rows.

20. (Original) The controller of claim 19 where the means for timing the panel include means for generating at least two clock pulses for every vertical synchronization signal.

21. (Original) The controller of claim 20 comprising means for incrementing a line counter responsive to the clock pulses.

22. (Original) The controller of claim 20 where the means for timing include means for programming the vertical start pulse such that it activates alternating lines on alternating fields.

23. (Original) The controller of claim 15 where the means for timing every other line of data to the panel.

24.-28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently amended)   A method, comprising:

generating display data capable of being displayed on a flat panel; and

generating timing control signals for driving rows and columns of the flat panel responsive to predetermined characteristics of the display data;

generating a function responsive to top, bottom, left, and right positions and a display clock;

modulating a pulse responsive to the display clock;

selecting one of a plurality of inputs including the function responsive to the display clock.

30. (Currently amended)   The method of claim 29 comprising generating a synchronization signals associated with the display data.

31. (Original) The method of claim 29 where generating the timing control signals includes generating vertical start and clock pulses for driving the panel rows.

32. (Original) The method of claim 29 where generating the timing control signals includes generating at least two vertical clock pulses for each vertical synchronization signal.

33. (Original) The method of claim 32 where generating the timing control signals includes generating at least two vertical clock pulses responsive to a predetermined vertical frequency of the display data.

34. (Original) The method of claim 32 where generating the timing control signals includes incrementing a line counter with each vertical clock pulse.

35. (Original) The method of claim 29 where generating the timing control signals includes programming the vertical start pulse such that it activates alternating lines on alternating fields.

REMARKS

The application includes claims 1-35 prior to entering this amendment.

The examiner objects to claims 9-13 claims as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicates them allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The examiner rejects claims 1-8, 14-23, and 29-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yokoyama (U.S. Patent 5,506,602).

The applicant amends claims 2-5, 7-9, 14-15, and 29-30 and cancels claims 1 and 24-28 without prejudice. The application remains with claims 2-23 and 29-35 after entering this amendment.

The applicants add no new matter and request reconsideration.

Restriction Requirement

In a telephone conversation June 15, the applicant provisionally elected, without traverse, to prosecute group I, claims 1-23 and 29-35. The applicant now confirms its provisional election of group I, claims 1-23 and 29-35 and cancels claims 24-28, without prejudice.

Claims Allowable

The applicants rewrite claim 9 in independent form and amends claims 2-8 and 14 to depend from claim 9. Claims 10-13 depend from claim 9. Claims 2-14 are now in condition for the examiner's allowance.

The applicants amend independent claim 15 to include limitations found allowable in claim 9. Claims 16-23 depend from claim 15. Claims 15-23 should be in condition for the examiner's allowance.
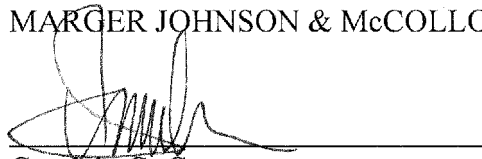
The applicants amend independent claim 29 to include limitations found allowable in claim 9. Claims 30-35 depend from claim 29. Claims 29-35 are in condition for the examiner's allowance.

Conclusion

The applicants request reconsideration and allowance of all remaining claims. The applicants encourage the examiner to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGER JOHNSON & McCOLLOM, P.C.

Graciela G. Cowger
Reg. No. 42,444

MARGER JOHNSON & McCOLLOM, P.C.
210 SW Morrison Street, Suite 400
Portland, OR 97204
503-222-3613

Customer No. 20575